THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Since 1998-99, the annual entitlement of MPLADS fund for an MP is Rs. 2 crore. MP-wise information on release of funds, which is governed by the provisions of para 4.4 of the Guidelines on MPLADS, is available in the monthly report brought out by this Ministry, a copy of which is kept in the Parliament Library. The monthly report is also available at website www.mplads.nic.in.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)The Ministry has received complaints relating to misappropriation/ misultilisation of MPLADS funds, delay in sanctioning/execution of works and non-compliance of Guidelines on MPLADS. The details of the complaints received during last 2 calendar years are given in the Statement. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C and AG) has, in the Audit Reports for the years ending March 1997 and March, 2000 pointed out certain cases of suspected fraud and misappropriation of funds in the States.

As and when any compaint is received, it is examined with due care and appropriate remedial action is taken, in case the complaint pertains to the Central Government. In other cases, the complaints are referred to the District Heads and the State Governments concerned for taking immediate remedial action. State Governments concerned have been advised to take action on the cases of suspected fraud/misappropriation of funds pointed out by the C and AG.

***Statement***

*Details of complaints received during the year 2001 & 2002*

| SI. No. | Name of Complainant & Date of complaint. | Brief Subject | Action Taken |
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| 1. | Sh. Jagannath Mallick MP (LS) Dated-16.7.2002 | Misappropriation of MPLADS Fund. | The Final Reply to Hon'ble MP has been sent on 30.12.2002. |